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Title: RADIATION AND MELT TREATED ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR  
WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE PROSTHETIC DEVICES

**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the final Office Action mailed February 15, 2012 (Paper No. 20120206). Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on August 15, 2012.

Applicants petition for a five-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-2283.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following remarks.